



# INSPIRING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

## Changes to admissions for Monash Education courses.

The steps required to apply for initial teacher education (ITE) courses have changed. Any of your students who are looking to enrol in the Monash Bachelor of Education (Honours) (including double degrees) or the Master of Teaching (after an undergraduate degree in another discipline) will now need to complete a non-academic selection component – along with the usual academic admission requirements.

We'll be using the CASPer tool at Monash, which you'll find more information about over the page.

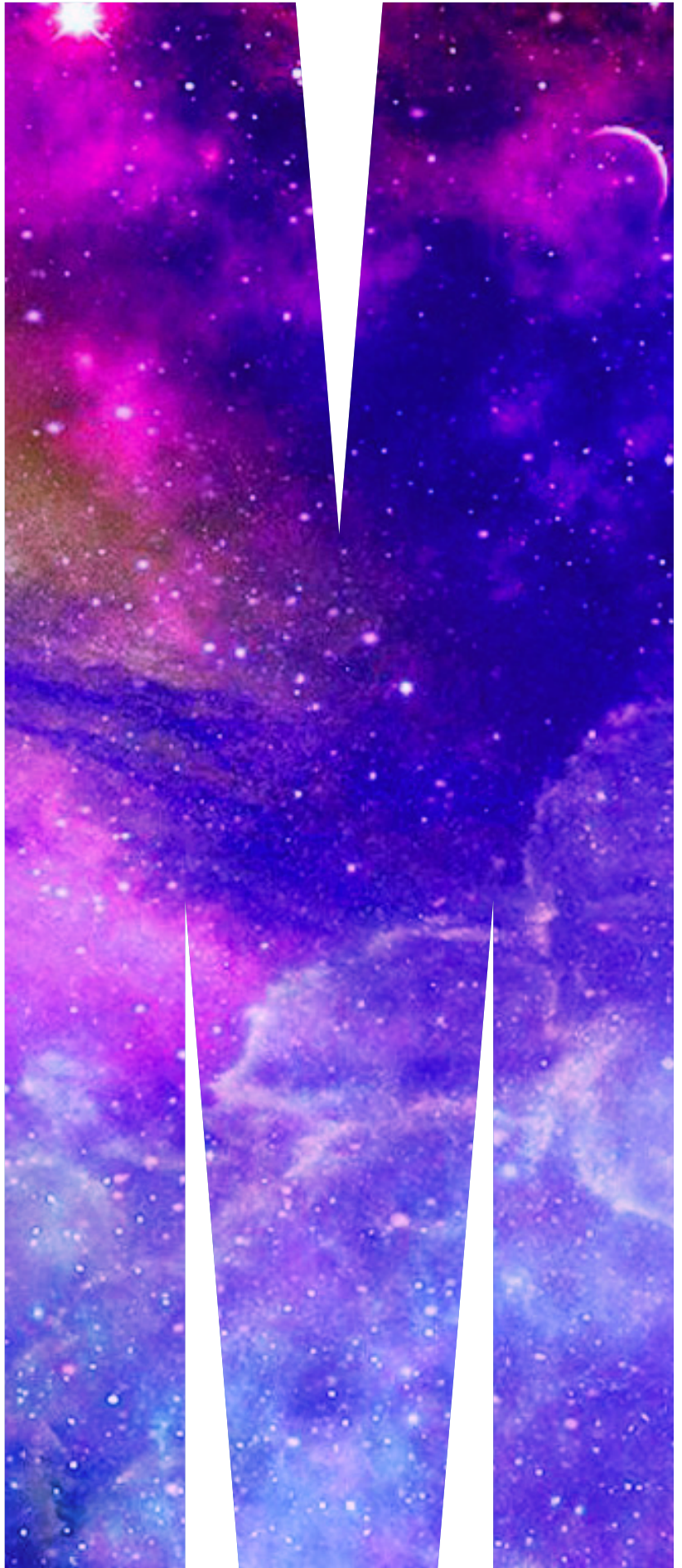
### WHY THE CHANGE?

As you would know, anyone can learn – but not everyone can teach. It takes gifted, hard-working people who are just as passionate about inspiring young people as they are about educating them.

The Victorian Framework for Selection into Initial Teacher Education has been developed to help find those people – and improve the quality of teaching across the state. It requires all entry into initial teacher education courses from 2018 onwards to include a non-academic selection component – whether that's a tool, test or process – that measures an applicant's personal attributes as much as their grades or ATAR score.

Some of the attributes that your students will need to demonstrate include:

- how motivated they are to teach
- strong interpersonal and communication skills
- a willingness to learn
- resilience and self-efficacy
- conscientiousness
- organisational and planning skills.



## It's great news for anyone passionate about education.

With the introduction of CASPer, we'll make sure that all of our students have the qualities needed to become a great teacher. Anyone who chooses to study with Monash will be surrounded by like-minded people who are just as committed to engaging and inspiring young, developing minds as they are.

### WHAT IS CASPer?

CASPer is an online screening tool designed to assess important personal and professional qualities against the Victorian Framework for Selection into Initial Teacher Education.

Applicants will need to complete 12 sections – each containing a video-based or written scenario, followed by three questions. For each scenario, all three questions must be answered within a total of five minutes. The responses won't be checked for things such as spelling and grammar, but are instead assessed on how well applicants tackle the ethical and professional situations put forward.

Your students can find examples of these scenarios at [takecasper.com/sample-casper-content](https://takecasper.com/sample-casper-content)

### Which Monash Education courses will CASPer be applied to?

New admissions for our Bachelor of Education (Honours), including double degrees, as well as the graduate Master of Teaching.

### How do my students sit CASPer?

CASPer can only be taken online on certain dates between September and January – you'll find them at <https://takecasper.com/test-dates>

Please note that the February 8 test date will not be used by Monash.

Anyone hoping to study education will need to sit CASPer at one of the times listed on this site. Times are in the eastern time zone as indicated: EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) or EST (Eastern Savings Time). Keep in mind, CASPer can only be sat once each academic calendar.

We recommend that students planning to take CASPer register at least three days before the intended date. That way, they have enough time for their ID to be verified and their payment processed.

To register, applicants will need to have the following ready:

- Government-issued photo ID – for example a passport, driver's licence or learner's permit card
- If they're applying through VTAC, they'll need to enter their VTAC number
- Anyone applying direct to Monash will need to enter their Monash Applicant ID Number or Monash Student ID.

### How will CASPer be used in selection?

We won't be changing our academic selection standards and assessment. CASPer is an additional admission criteria that's considered for all applicants who meet the minimum academic standards – similar to how an interview might be used when considering someone for employment.

And in the same way you wouldn't expect to receive 'results' from that interview, applicants won't receive their CASPer results either.

### Is it possible to fail CASPer?

There are no right or wrong answers, just answers that reflect an applicant's personal attributes to indicate how suitable they are for teaching. So while someone taking the test can't 'fail', it's possible that their responses show that the teaching profession might not be right for them.

### Will anyone be exempt from CASPer?

All new applicants to an initial teacher education course, such as the Bachelor of Education (Honours) or the Master of Teaching, have to do CASPer as part of their application.

### How much will it cost?

The CASPer test costs \$80 and is non-refundable. The test cost isn't charged by Monash or received by us either.

### Contact Us

To register for CASPer, visit [takecasper.com](https://takecasper.com)  
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